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LOCAL VOLUNTEERS TO BUILD FIRE RINGS AND PLANT TREES AT VALLEY OF FIRES ON NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

ROSWELL, NM—Volunteers at the Bureau of Land Management's Valley of Fires Recreation Area, near Carrizozo, will be planting trees and building campfire rings as Lincoln and Roswell-area residents join the largest annual coast-to-coast, single-day volunteer restoration effort for America's public lands.

Local volunteers from the Zia Girl Scout Council and Boy Scout Troop 1, will roll up their sleeves and devote their day to planting trees at Valley of Fires as part of the 12th annual National Public Lands Day (NPLD) on Saturday, September 24. The event gives Americans an annual chance to give back to the very lands they use to hike, bike, climb, swim, explore, picnic or just plain relax.

For the second year in a row, volunteers who work at a site managed by any of five federal agencies will be rewarded with a pass good for free entry any day during the next year at public land sites managed by those agencies: Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and USDA Forest Service.

Contact Bill Murry at 505.627.0220, Roswell Field Office of the BLM to register so that BLM can get an accurate count for your free lunch.

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Besides Toyota, National Public Lands Day sponsors include Clif Bars, Home Depot, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Tennessee Valley Authority, and USDA Forest Service. Participants include numerous state and local agencies, nonprofit groups such as the National Parks Conservation Association, International Mountain Bicycling Association, Boy Scouts of America, and Girl Scouts of the USA.

The event is managed by the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation, chartered by Congress in 1990 as a private nonprofit organization to develop and support environmental learning programs to meet social goals and build partnerships among government, the private sector and non-governmental organizations.



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